

City of Youngstown Sanitation Homestead Exemption Application Form

This is to confirm that I am a resident of the City of Youngstown, Ohio who owns or leases the property at the address below. I would like to apply for the twenty percent (20%) discount on my City sanitation fee.

Water Account #: _____

Applicant's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Name of Spouse _____ Date of Birth _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

**The signature of the applicant on the Homestead Exemption application authorizes the City of Youngstown to determine all financial records relating to applicant's income.

TO QUALIFY YOU MUST ATTACH THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) Proof of Ownership or a copy of your lease agreement;
- (2) Proof of Income for Applicant and Spouse (if applicable); and
- (3) Proof of Age OR Disability

The attached form provides examples of documents that will satisfy these requirements.

- If you are approved, the reduced rate will be reflected on your next water bill.
- If you are not approved, you will receive notice of disapproval.
- If you have not submitted all required documentation, you will receive a notice that shows in what way(s) your application was deficient. If you receive a notice of deficiency, your application will be set aside until you provide the missing documentation.

Mail completed form to:

City of Youngstown Homestead Exemption
26 South Phelps 5th Floor, Youngstown, Ohio, 44503
330-742-8888

City of Youngstown Sanitation

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for Homestead Exemption the applicant must:

- 1) Be at least 65 years old during the the year in which he/she is filing, or be permanently and totally disabled;
- 2) Have total income not to exceed 30,500.00 (inclusive of spouse's income);
- 3) Own or lease your home as principal place of residence, effective January 1 of the filing year; and
- 4) Home must be inside city limits.

The following documents are acceptable to prove Ownership/Leasehold Interest, Income, Age or Disability

Ownership or Leasehold Interest: Statement from the Auditor's website OR a lease agreement

Income: First page of Federal Income Tax Return, Personal Earnings Statement OR Social Security Statement showing yearly award

Age: Copy of driver's license, State identification card OR Copy of birth certificate or other certified document

Disability: Award letter OR Yearly statement from the Social Security Administration

Can the surviving spouse of a deceased person, who qualified for homestead exemption, also qualify?

To qualify for Homestead Exemption, the surviving spouse must:

- 1) be the surviving spouse of a deceased person who was permanently disabled or at least 65 years of age, and who applied and qualified for the exemption in the year of his/her death.
- 2) the spouse must be at least 59 years old on the date of the decedent's death.
- 3) meet all other homestead exemption requirements.

What are the specific requirements?

- 1) Must file a Homestead Exemption annually;
- 2) Must occupy the home as of January of the filing year

What qualifies as permanently and totally disabled?

1) Section 4503.064 of the Ohio Revised Code states that, "permanently and totally disabled" means a person who has some impairment in body or mind, rendering the person unfit to work at any substantial remunerative employment, which he/she is reasonably able to perform and, which will, within reasonable probability, continue for an indefinite period of at least 12 months without any present indication of recovery therefrom or has been certified as permanently and totally disabled by a state or federal agency having the function of so classifying persons. A Certificate of Disability Form must be filled out once per owner, signed by a licensed physician and submitted with the application for Homestead Exemption.

What are the total income guidelines?

1) total income includes the income of the owner(s) of the home, and includes the income of a spouse of the owner, even though the spouse may not be an actual owner. The basis of total income is Adjusted Gross Income under the Internal Revenue Code and includes compensation, rents, interest, fees, and most other types of total income.

Items that must be included in applicant's income:

- 1) Old Age and Survivors Benefits
- 2) Social Security Benefits
- 3) Other retirement benefits, pensions and annuities
- 4) All interest and/or dividend income from whatever source
- 5) Spouse's income

Items that are exempt from inclusion in the applicant's income:

- 1) Disability payments issued by the Veterans Administration or any branch of the Armed Services
- 2) Worker's Compensation payments

What is the penalty for knowingly providing false Information?

A conviction of willfully falsifying information to obtain an assessed value reduction, or failing to report any changes in total income, ownership, disability, or other relevant information on a timely filed, application, shall result in ineligibility for a period of three years, along with a possible fine.

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